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Some of the listed documents are in a foreign language and are provided with an English abstract that indicates the relevance of the document. The relevance of the other foreign-language documents is described below. An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available.

DE 28765 relates to a folding knife having a spring as generally shown in Fig. 1.

DE 29469 relates to a folding knife having a spring as generally shown in Fig. 1.

DE 1 104 386 relates to a folding knife as generally shown in the Figures.

DE 80 26 334 relates to a folding knife as generally shown in the Figures.

DE 81 00 727 relates to a knife as generally shown in the Figures.

DE 90 02 788 relates to a folding knife as generally shown in the Figures.

DE 92 06 459 relates to a folding knife as generally shown in the Figures.

FR 1.248.117 relates to a folding knife as generally shown in the Figures.

FR 1.171.740 relates to a folding knife having a spring as generally shown in Fig. 2.

FR 1.069.862 relates to a folding knife as generally shown in the Figures.

FR 493.741 relates to a folding knife having a spring as generally shown in Fig. 2.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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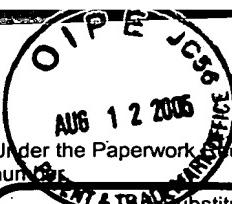
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